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Re: FOIA Request (August 24, 2015 conference call re: Water Quality Standards)

To whom it may concern:

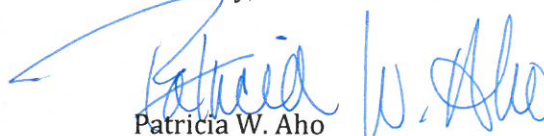
I write regarding a phone call pertaining to water quality standards which took place at 10:00 A.M., August 24, 2015 between myself, Patricia Aho, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and Deborah Szaro, Deputy Regional Administrator for EPA Region 1, as well as various other EPA and DEP employees. During this call it became quite apparent that Ms. Szaro was reading from a pre-drafted statement. Upon my request, Ms. Szaro implied that she was unwilling or unable to provide a copy of this statement.

Therefore, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. Section 552) I am requesting all print, hand-written and electronic documents, including electronic communications (e-mail), notes and work product produced and/or relied upon in preparation for the phone call of 10:00 AM, August 24, 2015. These documents and notes should include, but not be limited to:

- 1) Any inter-agency emails and written communications regarding this phone call; and
- 2) Memos, briefs, hand written notes, drafts of the aforementioned statement, and all other work product relied upon in preparation for the phone call.

Thank you for your time and attention to this issue. I look forward to your response within 20 working days, as outlined by the Freedom of Information Act.

Sincerely,


Patricia W. Aho
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